SUBJECT No. 135.

Increased concessions to maidan ryots for taking timber, etc.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Certain privileges have been shown to the ryots in the malnad for removing wood, etc., for agricultural purposes. There is abundance of growth of wood in the malnad both in the ryots' holdings and in coffee estates while it is very sparse in the maidan parts. The same concession may be extended to the ryots of the maidan at least in places which adjoin State forests and Amrut Mahal Kavals.

If this cannot be done, the malnad ryots' rules may be extended to the whole of the Manjarabad Taluk and one hobli of the Belur Taluk, which really are malnad.

Reply of Government.—The Malnad ryots' rules cannot be extended to the maidan. The inclusion in the malnad tracts of the hoblis of Saklespur and K. Hoskote of the Manjarabad Taluk and the Arehalli hobli of the Belur Taluk will be favorably considered.

SUBJECT No. 136.

Free removal of thorny plants from the district forests.

Mr. Venkatsamaiya, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Permission may be granted to remove thorny plants from district forests free of cost for hedging sugar-cane and other fields.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Traction engine.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Government may be pleased to state:—

(1) What was paid for the traction engine used in the Shimoga District for carrying timber from the forest to the railway station?

(2) How much of timber was carried by it during the last year?

(3) What is the cost of carrying timber per cubic foot by the engine as compared with the cost of carrying timber by means of country carts?

(4) How much was spent in repairing the roads on this account?

Reply of Government.—The cost of the traction engine was Rs. 19,306. It has not had a proper trial yet as it has been at work for only a short time. It is believed that the working cost will amount to about one-third of the cost of transport of timber by carts.

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SUBJECT No. 138.

Amendment of the Savings Bank Rule.

Messrs. Devoji Rao and A. Ramanna, Yedatore Taluk; and M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The rule which requires no heirship certificate for withdrawals of deposits of less than Rs. 1,000 in the Government Savings Bank may be extended to all Savings Bank deposits irrespective of the amount.

The levy of stamps may be excused in cases where the claim is one of survivorship in an undivided Hindu family.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration and legislation will be undertaken if necessary.

SUBJECT No. 139.

The State Life Insurance.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The State Life Insurance Fund has amounted to about seventeen lakhs of rupees. The policy holders get as bonus barely the amount paid towards premium. The interest accruing on the amounts paid, at the savings bank rate, after making deductions for risks, may be added to the bonus.

Reply of Government.—The state of the Fund does not permit of any declaration of the sort.

SUBJECT No. 140.

State Insurance to grant-in-aid schools.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The benefits of the State Life Insurance may be extended to teachers of the grant-in-aid schools.

Reply of Government.—This involves a question of policy as to Government competing with private enterprise. The request cannot be complied with.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Reduction in the price of three-pie paper.

Mr A. Ramanna, Yedatore Tk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The paper of the Bengal Paper Mill Company is quite as good as the three-pie paper and is very much cheaper. The Government in giving a wholesale contract for the three-pie paper must necessarily get it cheaper than three pies a sheet. The price of this paper may, therefore, be reduced.

(*b*) Process memos filed in court for summonses or notices to parties are now required to be on three-pie paper, while witness' lists are permitted to be written on other thick paper. There is no special reason for this. Orders may be issued that process memos need not be written on three-pie paper.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be referred to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Issue of currency notes to the public.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Currency notes may be made available at the treasuries to the public.

Mr. Ragavachar.—A small premium may be charged on the notes

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 143.

Acceptance of worn-out coins tendered towards *kandayam*.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board; and M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Worn-out silver and copper coins when tendered at the Taluk Cutcherries and to the village officials in payment of *kandayam* may be ordered to be accepted.

Reply of Government.—Noted.